

THE OCALA BANNER.

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MOTTO: THE BANNER, BELIEVING THOSE AT THE TOP WELL ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES, HAS TAKEN ITS STAND IN THE BARRICADES WITH THE COMMON PEOPLE, AND ITS FIGHT WILL BE MADE FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THOSE AT THE BOTTOM.

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 1903.

It is getting too dry now for even spring poetry to flourish.

The Seaboard Air Line has bought a water front in Tampa, the purchase price being \$40,000. It will build terminals at once.

The man who lives only for what he can get out of life, without a good impulse or a kindly motive, will come near being the fruitless tree that was cut down.

With Roosevelt and Cleveland speaking from the same platform at St. Louis and Tillman and Foraker out summer campaigning the dispatches from Mt. Pelee lose interest.

Col. Watterson, Dr. Parkhurst and President Roosevelt must get a stir on them. Their records are about to be beaten. It is announced by government experts that one of the rapid fire guns just tested delivers 800 shots a minute.

The war department makes public part of the report of General Miles, in which he charges that the army has committed the most atrocious cruelties in the Philippines. It seems like much cruelty followed the flag and very little patriotism.

President Castro, of Venezuela, has issued a decree that will stop all immigration to that country or the investment of foreign capital. From the experience that country has just had he is not to be blamed much. A citizenship or capital that has power and balls back of it is not worth much.

The Jacksonville Metropolis thinks that \$55,000 is too much to put into a governor's mansion. It says that the finest buildings in Jacksonville cost less than \$25,000. Perhaps the appropriation carries with it the buying of the site, the erection of outbuildings and fences and the purchase of furnishings. If a mansion is to be built the legislature should not be niggardly in the appropriation.

The death of C. B. Collins, "Tom Sawyer," the "Sandspur Philosopher," at his humble and obscure home in Hillsborough county, last Sunday, was the close of a most eventful life. A man of many attainments and once of great popularity in Florida, suddenly sank out of publicity a few years ago, and was little heard of afterwards. Mr. Collins' misfortune as state treasurer retired him from public life, and this, no doubt, increased his feebleness and hastened his death. Let his faults be buried with him.—Metropolis.



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Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men.

The British naval budget is \$180,000,000. That empire has now in building eleven battleships, twenty-five cruisers, four scouts, two sloops, twenty-nine torpedo destroyers and sub-marine boats.

The United States government has under construction fourteen battleships, seventeen cruisers, three gun boats, two training vessels.

And the standing armies of all Christian nations are increasing.

And this is nearly two thousand years after the birth of the "Prince of Peace."

These preparations are for war—bloody, desolating war!

And the followers of the Prince of Peace—those who have their names enlisted in his church book and march under his banner, not only tolerate, but uphold and demand that the nations shall be on a war footing! Where is it to end?

Marriage and Divorce.

Discussing laws concerning marriage and divorce on lines different yet somewhat similar to those contained in this paper, the Punta Gorda Herald says:

"The legislature can easily take a step in this direction by passing a law prohibiting under severe penalties the issuing of marriage licenses to parties who do not present in writing a certificate from a physician in good standing and two other reputable citizens that both applicants for a license are sound in mind and body and are of good moral character. The law should also prohibit any minister of the gospel or civil officer from performing the marriage ceremony for any couple who do not present satisfactory evidence of mental, moral and physical fitness.

Give us such a law and then repeal all laws permitting divorce. The result would be to deter silly and rash people from contracting hasty and ill-advised alliances and at the same time tend greatly to prevent, if it did not actually prevent those marriages which Editor Harris regards as a crime against society.

Do away with those causes which create a demand for divorce and thereby eliminate all alleged necessity for a divorce law."

For a Geological Survey.

Senator Crill, of the 26th senatorial district, has introduced a bill providing for the appointment by the governor of a suitable person to conduct a geological survey of the state.

Had this measure been done years ago it would have been millions of dollars in the pockets of the bona fide citizens of this state.

It may yet be worth millions of dollars to them and we do not believe any measure would meet with more popular approval of the people.

The bill is to be made a special order for next Saturday in the House and that body is composed of legislators of too much intelligence for it to encounter very much if any opposition.

Looks Like a Boomerang.

S. B. Russ, a Jacksonville newspaper man, writing under the cognomen of "Lobbyist" and dating his matter Tallahassee, should take a few days off and acquaint himself with the political situation before he attempts to handle it in an unbiased manner. He has either embarrassed Hon. C. M. Brown by misquoting him or the gentleman himself is one of the most colossal prevaricators in Florida. "Lobbyist" with the brazen ignorance of live issues that has characterized all of his political efforts, makes the Marion county senator declare that he is not a candidate for governor, never has been nor never will be and that a Tampa newspaper, meaning the Tribune, nominated him of its own volition. Mr. Brown knows better than this and Mr. Russ should have informed himself before he permitted "Lobbyist" to go off half cocked.—Tampa Tribune.

Subject for the Ocala Board of Trade.

Ocala has the greatest natural advantages of any town of its size in the world—just think, only five miles from the most beautiful spring on this continent, and the opportunities neglected, when a little money would make it the garden spot of the United States. Go to work at once and construct an electric line and build during the summer a fine hotel. Don't sleep over what God has placed at your very feet.—Times-Union.

Do You Know the Brown Family?

It is stated on good authority that Hon. C. M. Brown, of Ocala, will be a candidate for governor next year. There will be some fun if Brown, of Ocala, and Browne, of Key West, are candidates for the same office. A fellow will have to know the Brown family pretty well to vote correctly.—Perry Banner.

Nearing the Sad End.

Things are going from bad to worse at Stetson University. Buzzards is the name of a base ball team just organized there.—Tampa Tribune.

The announcement of the candidacy of ex-Chief Justice Benj. S. Liddon for governor seem to have struck the press of the state dumb.

POLITICAL CHIPS

FROM THE STATE PRESS.

GROWING GINGER.

Last Tuesday's Times-Union contained an article on "growing ginger." Don't fret about your ginger. A little later on the Herald will supply all the ginger you need, free of cost.—White Springs Herald.

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NOT ENOUGH TO GO ROUND.

If one-half of the schemes for scaling the treasury walls in Tallahassee materialized there would be enough left of that Indian war claim fund to defray the cost of its distribution.—Jacksonville Times-Union.

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ONE GETS WHAT HE IS LOOKING FOR.

The only trouble with "carrying a big stick" in the form of a navy, is the temptation to use it. It is the man who carries a gun that is tempted to shoot and the boy with a new jack knife who cannot resist whittling the school furniture.—Calhoun News.

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MARION'S LONG LONG.

Long Long of Martel, Fla., disproves the old adage that "it is a long lane that knows no turning" since he writes a long sentence of forty long lines before stopping long enough to breathe. So long.—Monticello News.

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"AGAIN" THE KIDLET.

The esteemed Times-Union seems to be the Florida wet-nurse of Grover Cleveland presidential boomlet. The old lady will hardly raise the poor thing to maturity in Florida. The climate is all right, but the people are again the kidlet.—Daytona Gazette-News.

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AN EXAMPLE OF SARCASTIC.

Harry Mason, the big saloon keeper of Jacksonville, who is a member of the legislature, has been appointed to the committee on temperance. As an example of sarcasm this takes the cake.—Palatka Times-Herald.

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BROWN'S IDEA.

Candidate for governor, Brown, declared in the senate in favor of "letting the children unborn pay for improvements." Mighty tough on the "unborn generation, though, when they arrive on the scene and find that their parents before them have worn out the "improvements."—Orlando Star.

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WHY IT WILL NOT SUPPORT DAVIS. Will the esteemed Tampa Herald and the Bronson Times-Democrat kindly tell us who they would like to see occupy the governor's chair after Governor Jennings retires? Please.—Tropical Sun.

O, either of the four B's would suit us, but for the present be content to know whom we don't want. We do not want a man who is willing to turn loose the congressional test, upon which he has a perpetual hold, for the smaller job of being governor only four years. He has an ax to grind, and the people are to be fooled into turning the stone.—Bronson Times-Democrat.

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A great many of the old associates of C. M. Brown, in the phosphate business in South Florida, take his announcement as a candidate for governor, as a joke, and when his candidacy is mentioned to them, they "jes' laf and laf."—Live Oak Democrat.

U. S. Judge Swayne Roasted.

Senator Bailey on Friday introduced a resolution in the senate, which, for "plain talking out in meeting," was a scorcher. Here are a few sample paragraphs: "The reputation of Charles Swayne as a corrupt judge is very injurious to the interests of the entire state of Florida, and his constant absence from his supposed district causes sacrifice of their rights, and annoyance and expense to litigants in his court."

"It also appears that the said Chas. Swayne is not only a corrupt judge, but that he is ignorant and incompetent, and that his judicial opinions do not command the respect or confidence of the people."

The Wireless is the name of the first paper in the world to print Marconigrams. This unique candidate for public favor is printed at Avalon, a summer resort on the beautiful shores of Catalina on the surging shores of the Pacific. It is the "doings" of the Los Angeles Times and gives that paper a big scoop over all the journals of the country.

Thomas A. Edison, a recent interview said: "I believe that within thirty years nearly all railways will discard locomotives and adopt electric motors, and the electric automobile will displace the horse almost entirely."

Receiver Norville, of the First National Bank of Florida, which recently failed in Jacksonville, announces that the bank will soon pay a dividend of 25 per cent.

Big Compliment for Gilchrist.

"Lobbyist," in the Pensacola Journal gives General Gilchrist the following splendid notice:

There are, of course, a few strong men in the House. McNamee is one of them, and your own Scott Lottin is another; but on the whole, Gen. Albert Gilchrist, "the gentleman from Desoto," stands out above the rank and file about as clearly as anybody. With increasing years, has come an increase of poise and discretion; and time, while it has by no means weakened the general's force, has certainly moderated his aggressiveness and enlarged his mental horizon. There are very few men in the House who have any practical knowledge of legislation and Gilchrist is one of them.

He is certainly not one of those of whom a disgusted member of the Third house was recently heard to say:

"Those jays couldn't draw a bill, if they saw it—couldn't draw a prize in a lottery. Some of 'em don't even know what a bill is—misses it's a wash bill." But that was satire—and sincere at that.

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